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A special car will be run from Ypsilanti at 12:45 a.m. on the arrival of the opera car from Detroit, for special parties of ten or more, on short notice and without extra charge.

Weigh your coal on the city scales. Rear of Curtis Shop.

13-1.m.

## BATTLING AT COLENSO

Buller's Army Is Again Engaged with the Boers All Along the Line.

### HEAVY FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH

White Reports That He Is "Closely Pressed," and Then the Telegraph Fails.

War Alarm Sounds at Chievely Camp—Clery, Hillyard and Barton to the Front Again—French Loses Seventy Prisoners to the Burghers and Gets a Repulse—Kruger's Men Take Kuruman, the Garrison Surrendering.

Lourenzo Marques, Thursday, Jan. 4.—A dispatch from the Boer headquarters near Dordrecht says: "The British probabl' the sun has failed and I from Dordrecht. Fighting continues around Colesburg, where the British occupy some of the outside kopjes. Bullets are dropping inside the town."

Frere Camp, Jan. 6.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon an alarm was sounded in Chievely Camp and all the troops in the camp turned out promptly and advanced into the plain.

London, Jan. 7.—General Buller has wired the war office the following, dated Jan. 6, from Frere Camp: "The following message received from General White at 1 a.m., today: '11 a.m.—Attack continues and enemy has been reinforced from the south.'

"The following was received at 4 this morning from General White: '12:45 p.m.—Have beaten enemy off at present, but they are still around me in great numbers, especially to the south, and I think renewed attack very available troops yesterday to make a cannot get further information from Ladysmith until tomorrow.'

White Reports "Very Hard Pressed."

London, Jan. 7.—General Buller sends the following from Frere Camp, dated today: "This from White, dated Saturday, 3:15 p.m.: 'Attack renewed. Very hard pressed.' I have absolutely no more news, and there is no sun. There is a camp rumor that White defeated the enemy at 5 this afternoon and took 400 prisoners. I sent all available troops yesterday to make a demonstration at Colenso. The trenches there were all occupied by the enemy."

Boers Captured Kuruman.

Pretoria, Jan. 4.—(Via Lourenzo Marques)—Field Cornet Viser, under date of Tuesday, Jan. 2, reports as follows from Kuruman, British Bechuanaland: "I commenced a bombardment of Kuruman yesterday, aiming at the police barracks. The fight lasted until six in the evening, when the garrison surrendered, issuing from the forts and yielding up arms. We took 120 prisoners, including Captain Bates and Captain Dennison, Mr. Hillyard, the magistrate and eight other officers. We also captured seventy natives, together with a number of rifles and revolvers and a quantity of ammunition.

TOWER ATTAKES COLESBURG AGAIN.

General Engagement Begins at Clery Hill, yards and Britain Force.

London, Jan. 8.—A special dispatch from Frere Camp, dated Saturday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m., says: "At 2 o'clock this afternoon the whole of General Clery's division marched out of camp to attack Colenso. General Hillyard's brigade was on the left and General Barton's on the right, with cavalry on the extreme right. The attack was slowly developed and at 4:30 the British field guns advanced on the entrenchments and commenced shelling the Boer positions on the flat land between Hlanwane hill and Fort Wylie. "About this time a heavy thunderstorm raged over the enemy's positions. At 5:30 our troops were still advancing and had reached a point very near Colenso. The naval 4.7-inch field guns were busily dropping shells into the enemy's trenches along the river and the forts of the enemy had made no reply."

London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail has the following dated Jan. 6, at noon, from Frere Camp: "At 3 o'clock this morning very heavy firing began at Ladysmith. It lasted fully four hours and must have meant either a sortie by the British or a determined attack on the garrison by the Boers. Our shells could be seen falling on Umbulwana Hill, and the enemy were replying. Besides the cannon reports there were sounds indicating smaller pieces of artillery in action. The fighting must have been at closer range than has been the case up to now. Our naval guns at Chievely sent their usual fire into the Boer trenches there; but there has been no further movement here."

FRENCH HAS A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Force Sent Against the Boers Is Defeated and Seventy Captured.

London, Jan. 8.—The war office publishes the following dispatch from General Forrester-Walker, commanding at Cape Town: "General French reports under date of Jan. 6: 'The situation is much the same as yesterday, but I regret to report that a serious accident has happened to the First battalion of the Suffolk regiment. From news just come to hand from them I gather that with the authority and knowledge of General French four companies of the First battalion advanced by night against a low hill one mile from their camp. They attacked at dawn. Lieutenant Colonel Watson, commanding, gave orders to charge. He was at one

wounded. Orders for retirement were given.'

"Three-quarters of the force retreated to camp. The remainder held their ground until they were overwhelmed by greater numbers when they surrendered. Seventy were taken prisoners, including seven officers. General French reports that the Boer commando which made the attack Jan. 4 lost fifty killed besides wounded and prisoners. The commando was dispersed."

General Forrester-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town today, says: "There is no change in the situation as regards Lord Methuen and General Gatacre. Referring to my earlier dispatch today I have to report that General French reports, under date of Jan. 6, that a medical officer has been sent out to collect all the wounded to the northeast of Colesburg. The exact list of persons missing French has not yet ascertained. Probably about seventy. The First battalion of the Essex regiment has been sent to replace the First battalion of the Suffolk. The position of affairs, tactical and strategic, is without alteration. A Boer medical officer admits that it was intended to leave Colesburg. The enemy's loss day by day from our fire has been heavy."

### FATHER McGLYNN IS DEAD.

Note: Roman Catholic Priest Falls a Victim to Bright's Disease.

Newburgh, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Rev. Dr. Edward Glynn, rector of St. Mary's church, died at the rectory at 5:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after an illness of about seven weeks of heart failure superinduced by Bright's disease.

A minor surgical operation was performed on Dr. McGlynn Saturday night, but this did not affect the patient or contribute materially to his death. During the night Dr. McGlynn had several sinking spells, and the physicians were called early to his bedside, where they remained until he died. All efforts toward prolonging life were made by the physicians, but at 4 p.m. the priest lapsed into unconsciousness, his last audible prayer being: "Jesus, have mercy on me."

The cheerfulness that characterized Dr. McGlynn was exhibited to the last. Even when the physicians were using salt water to keep him alive a few hours longer, Dr. McGlynn evinced much interest and finally remarked: "Well, the ways of physicians are wonderful." Prayers were offered for his recovery in both Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, and his death causes profound sorrow on all hands.

Dr. McGlynn was 62 years of age last September. When he was stricken he was robust and of fine physique, but he became greatly emaciated by his long illness.

### GEAR MAN IS CHOSEN.

Votes of Iowa Republicans That Points to the Senatorial Result.

Des Moines, Jan. 8.—At 10 o'clock Saturday evening there ended one of the most exciting contests for speaker of the house of representatives in the history of the Iowa legislature in the history of the state of Iowa, and the friends of Senator Gear say it practically settles an equally exciting contest for United States senator to succeed Gear. The speakership contest was decided in favor of Dr. D. H. Bowen, of Waukon, the candidate of the Gear forces, receiving 43 votes as against 38 for W. L. Eaton, of Osage, the avowed candidate of the supporters of A. B. Cummins, of Des Moines.

The caucus was held in the hall of the house of representatives, beginning at 8 o'clock, and was secret, no one but Republican members-elect of the house being admitted. The vote shows that there was no wavering in the lines as drawn up twenty-four hours previously, signed lists of supporters of each candidate having been prepared as early as midnight Friday night. Cummins, after a conference with his friends in the legislature, announced that he will not withdraw from the senatorial fight. His friends insisted on his going into the senatorial caucus. While it is conceded that he will be defeated he will continue to the end.

### CORBETT HELD IN BONDS.

Judge Seemed to Think His Alibi Not Sufficiently Strong.

Racine, Wis., Jan. 8.—Henry F. Corbett, the picture canvasser, whose preliminary hearing on the charge of shooting Rev. David B. Cheney and wife on Dec. 6, has just ended, will be held for trial. Corbett's bond was placed at \$3,000. In announcing his decision, Judge Belden stated that enough evidence had been given against Corbett to warrant holding him for trial.

When the decision was rendered Corbett grew very much excited, and asked for an opportunity to speak, which was denied. The time of Corbett's trial will be fixed by the circuit court.

Michigan Man Appointed.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 8.—General Willis J. Hullings, commander-in-chief of the National Association of Spanish-American War Veterans, has announced the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Victor C. Vaughan of Michigan as surgeon general of the association. Lieutenant Colonel Vaughan at the outbreak of the war with Spain was commissioned major and surgeon of the Thirty-third Michigan volunteers, and was shortly after promoted to division surgeon, with the rank of colonel. He is at present a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan serving on the medical board.

Ernest J. Lehmann Dead.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Ernst J. Lehmann, founder of "The Fair," who has been for several years in a private sanitarium in the east, is dead at 48 Grand street, White Plains, N. Y. Mr. Lehmann was born in Germany in 1849 and when 2 years old he came to this country with his parents, who settled in Manitowoc, Wis., where his father engaged in the manufacture of baskets.

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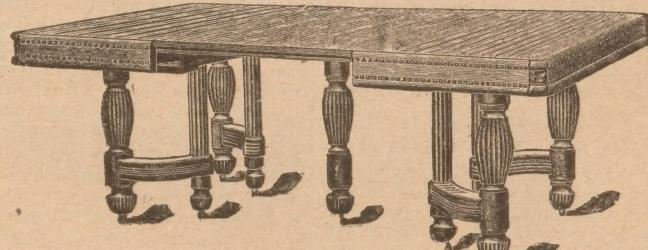
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executed in first-class style at  
reasonable prices.**BREAKS THE DEADLOCK.**Gov. Tanner Calls for the Resignations of  
Normal Trustees Who Cannot Agree.Springfield, Ills., Jan. 8.—Governor  
Tanner has called for the resignations  
of the trustees of the Western Illinois  
Normal School, giving as his reason  
that they have not been able to agree  
upon the selection of a site for the loca-  
tion of the institution. He calls atten-  
tion to the fact that they have spent  
seven days in examining sites and have  
consumed in all twenty-one days and  
cast 576 ballots without any result. He  
also condemns the plan for the selec-  
tion of an advisory board to settle the  
matter by lot.

As each of the trustees is from one  
of the towns asking for the location of  
the school, and is hampered by local  
dilemma except the appointment of  
a new board. The names of the  
trustees affected are: John M. Keefer,  
Ma-  
comb; John S. Little, Rushville; Fred  
C. Harding, Monmouth; Charles J.  
Searles, Rock Island, and William  
Hanna, of Golden. The superintendent  
of public instruction is ex-officio a  
member of the board.

**ODD MEETING OF NOTABLES.**First Time Since They Met in the Wilds of  
Africa Years Ago.

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 8.—An un-  
usually odd meeting took place here  
Saturday between Edward Morris  
Brigham, the explorer and lecturer,  
and Frank Vincent, the traveler and  
author at the Sanitarium, where the  
former ran into the latter, wrapped up  
in a bathrobe. The two men gazed in  
wonder and then shook hands. It ap-  
pears that years ago, while Brigham  
was exploring in South Africa, he ran  
across Vincent, then almost unknown,  
being the first white man he had seen  
for months.

They ate a frugal repast in the deso-  
late forest and departed, never expect-  
ing to meet again. Since then Brigh-  
ham has been lecturing, and Vincent  
exploring in South Africa, both becom-  
ing well known, but neither knowing  
whatever became of the other.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FAILED.**Young Woman Dies While Being Treated  
by That System of Healing.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Jan. 8.—Ethel  
Yates, aged 19, of Tabor, Ia., died under  
Christian Science treatment in this  
city Friday night. Miss Yates came  
here five weeks ago to visit the family  
of James Carter. Two weeks ago she  
was taken sick and Dr. Bellinger, a  
reputable physician of this city, was  
sent for. A few days later her mother  
arrived and immediately dismissed Dr.  
Bellinger and secured the services of  
one "Brother James," a "divine healer,"  
of Omaha, to treat her case.

Miss Yates begged of her mother to  
employ a physician, but to no effect.  
The healer took charge and the girl  
finally died. A post-mortem disclosed  
appendicitis as the cause of death.

**Bound to Have Their Full Ride.**

Indianapolis, Jan. 8.—Harry Decker,  
D. L. Stoddard and O. Schaefer, three  
leaders of organized labor, Friday  
night boarded a South Meridian street  
car, which was on its last trip and be-  
hind time. The conductor insisted on  
cutting the trip short and made a turn  
within a few blocks of the end of the  
line, where the three passengers live.  
They insisted that the conductor make  
the entire trip, and when he refused  
they prepared bunks from the seats,  
where they slept until morning, when  
they were passengers on the car when  
it took its first trip south at 6 o'clock.

**Says There Is "Nothing to Do."**

Richmond, Va., Jan. 8.—Governor  
Tyler, in reply to a query as to whether  
he contemplated any action in the  
matter in the lynching at Newport  
News Friday morning of W. W. Watt,  
charged with rape, replied that he did  
not. He said there was "Nothing to do."  
An effort to find out and punish  
the lynchers lies with the local auth-  
orities.

**Stabbed Himself to Death.**

Muscatine, Ia., Jan. 8.—Albert Mer-  
din committed suicide Saturday by  
stabbing himself seven times in the  
breast, using a long-bladed pocket  
knife. He leaves a wife and two chil-  
dren. Ill health and despondency.

**Death of an Iowa Pioneer.**

Muscatine, Ia., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Kate  
Stone, pioneer resident of Muscatine  
and prominent in local charities, died  
Friday at the Old Ladies' Home, leav-  
ing the remainder of her fortune to  
that institution.

**NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE.**

St. George's Episcopal church, corner  
of Marcy and Gates avenues,  
Brooklyn, was completely gutted by  
fire. Loss, \$50,000.

Governor Lind was a speaker at an  
anti-British meeting at St. Paul Satur-  
day night.

Admiral Dewey has accepted the invi-  
tation to visit St. Louis in May.

The funeral of Dr. Wm. A. Ham-  
mond, U. S. A., (retired) was held this  
morning at 11 o'clock.

Hulbert H. Warner, formerly a well-  
known medicine manufacturer, has  
filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities,  
\$2,319,027; no assets.

Mike Pino and Thomas Pillow, min-  
ers in the Never Sweat mine at Butte,  
Mont., were blown to pieces by a pre-  
maturely exploded blast in a drift.

Julia Marlowe Tabor, the actress, has  
been granted a divorce from her hus-  
band.

The total of the Lawton fund when  
subscription were closed Saturday was  
\$52,595.

Irishman at Chicago hissed Superin-  
tendent Andrews, of the public schools,  
because he does not denounce England,  
and denounced a number of prominent  
men, some being judges, because they  
declined to act as vice president at a  
pro-Boer meeting.

**HOT FIGHT NEAR IMUS**

Reconnoitering Party Meets the  
Tagals with the Result of  
a Warm Battle.

**THREE OF OUR SOLDIERS KILLED**

Twenty Others Wounded. While the En-  
emy Loses Sixty Killed and Eighty  
Wounded—Lieut. Gilmore Arrives at  
Manila and Tells His Story—Gen. Tino  
Wanted Them Shot—Thinks Well of  
Aguinaldo—Horrible Treatment of  
Spaniards by the Filipinos—Paying Up  
Old Scores.

Manila, Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m.—Lieuten-  
ant J. C. Gilmore, of the United States  
gunboat Yorktown, who was captured  
by the insurgents last April near Baler,  
on the east coast of Luzon, and res-  
cued a few days ago by Colonel Luther  
R. Hare, of the Thirty-third volunteer  
infantry, sat today in the apartment  
of his sister, Mrs. Major Price, at the  
Hotel Orient, in Manila, and told the  
story of his eight months in captivity,  
ending with his dramatic deliverance  
from a death that seemed inevitable.  
Although tanned and ruddy from expos-  
ure he is weak and nervous, showing  
the results of long hardships. He  
speaks warmly of Aguinaldo and very  
bitterly against General Tino, declar-  
ing that while in the former's jurisdiction  
he was treated splendidly, but  
that after he fell into Tino's hands he  
suffered everything.

**Story of the Rescue.**

Colonel Hare and Lieutenant Howse,  
the latter of the Thirty-fourth volunteer  
infantry, rescued Gilmore's party on  
Dec. 13 near the headwaters of the  
Abalut river, after they had been  
abandoned by the Filipinos and were  
expecting death from the savage tribes  
around them. When the rescuing  
force reached them they were nearly  
starved, but were building rafts in the  
hope of getting down the river to the  
coast.

Lieutenant Gilmore made the follow-  
ing statement to a correspondent of the  
Associated Press:

**Tino Ordered Them All Shot.**

"The Filipinos abandoned us on the  
night of Dec. 16. We had reached the  
Abalut river, near its source, that  
morning and the Filipinos rafted us over.  
We then went down the stream along a rough trail, guarded by a com-  
pany of Filipinos. That night we were  
separated from this guard, and another  
company, armed with Mausers, was  
put in charge of us. I suspected something,  
and questioned the Lieutenant in  
command. He said: 'I have orders from  
General Tino to shoot you all, but my  
conscience forbids. I shall leave you here.' I begged him for two  
rifles to protect us from savages, add-  
ing that I would give him letters to the  
Americans who would pay him well  
from all harm. He refused this, how-  
ever, saying that he would not dare to  
comply. Soon after he left with his  
company."

**FILIPINOS WERE TERRIFIED.**

Some More Tino's Brutality—Spaniards  
Outrageously Treated.

Describing the flight from Benguet  
when the Americans approached Lieu-  
tenant Gilmore said: "The Philipinos,  
completely terrified, left Benguet on  
Dec. 7. They herded the prisoners  
from town to town, often retracing the  
trial, not knowing where the Ameri-  
cans would attack. After being almost  
without food for three days they killed  
several horses and we lived on horse-  
flesh for several days. I did not have a  
full meal from Dec. 7 until reached  
Vigan. Indeed, the rescuing party  
lived largely upon rice without salt.  
There was one day when I was re-  
duced to chewing grass and bark.

"While we were in the hands of  
General Tino's men he issued an order  
that any person aiding an American by  
food or money should be treated as a  
criminal. One citizen of Vigan, Senior  
Vera, was probably killed for befriending  
us. We would have starved but  
for the kindness of some of the presi-  
dents of the towns and some of the  
Filipino colonels, but others treated us  
brutally. Wherever there was a prison  
we were kept there. When there was  
no prison we were 'stamped' into  
no prison they would lodge us in a  
convent. We suffered greatly from  
want of exercise, as well as lack of  
food."

For weeks Lieutenant Gilmore was  
covered with boils and in great pain.  
When the Filipinos found the Ameri-  
cans were approaching the treatment  
became better. There was a sign  
painter in the party, and he painted  
advertisements on the rock throughout  
like a skull and the word "Veange-  
ance," by means of which the Ameri-  
cans were able to follow.

"The Filipino treatment of the Span-  
iards," said Lieutenant Gilmore, "was  
brutal in the extreme. The insurgents  
had old grudges to wipe out against  
them. Many talk about the recon-  
trados dying in Cuba, but I have seen Span-  
iards dying at the rate of two or three  
per day of starvation in the hospitals  
at Vigan. I have seen Tagalog officers  
strike Spaniards in the face with  
whips and revolvers."

**Cato Sells Severely Hurt.**

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Cato Sells, the  
Iowa orator, who was scheduled to  
speak at the Jackson banquet Saturday  
night in the Tremont House, lay  
writhing in pain in an upper  
room while Bryan was making his  
triumphant entry into the dining hall.

In alighting from the carriage in which  
Bryan and himself, and others had  
come from the station, Sells slipped  
and fell, straining the muscles of his  
side and back so severely that he had  
to be put to bed.

**Sister Augusta Is Located.**

Kenosha, Wis., Jan. 8.—The mystery  
which surrounded the disappearance  
of Sister Augusta from Kemper morn-  
ing, and it is certain that the woman  
is in the hands of friends and well. It  
is not thought she will again enter the  
ranks of the Sisters of St. Mary. A letter  
has been received here stating that  
she had made arrangements to go to a  
friend's home in Springfield, Mo. The  
Sisters of St. Mary is an Episcopal sis-  
terhood and the vows are not taken  
for life.

**TOM THUMB ABROAD.**

THE FAMOUS DWARF'S VISIT TO EN-  
GLAND IN 1844.

Barnum's Clever Advertising In the  
London Newspapers—The Yankee  
Midget Was a Great Success and a  
Prime Favorite With Royalty.

In St. Nicholas Mary Shears Roberts  
recounts the successes of the famous  
dwarf Tom Thumb. There have been  
smaller dwarfs, but none brighter or  
more intelligent than our tiny Yankee,  
who was never more than three feet  
tall. He was born in Bridgeport, Conn.,  
in 1832 or thereabouts, of "poor but  
honest parents." His real name was  
Charles S. Stratton, and although his  
relatives always called him Charley he  
was known to the world at large as the  
one and only "General Tom Thumb."

Under the management of Mr. P. T.  
Barnum our small hero traveled all  
over and all around the earth, making  
two colossal fortunes, one for himself  
and one for his manager. On Jan. 18,  
1844, he set sail for Europe to try his  
fascinations on kings and queens and  
princes.

In those days a voyage across the  
Atlantic was a much more important  
event than it is now, and you may  
rest assured that Mr. Barnum made  
great capital of this 19 days' journey.

The party consisted of the manager,  
the "General," his parents, his tutor  
and a French naturalist, and a brass  
band escorted them to Sandy Hook.  
This fact was duly heralded in the  
London newspapers, to which was added  
the statement that "on leaving New  
York the dwarf was escorted to the  
packet by no less than 10,000 persons."

Soon after arriving in London Mr.  
Barnum and his charge called at the  
office of The Illustrated London News.

The first portrait of Tom Thumb taken  
in England appears in that journal,  
dated Feb. 24, 1844. There are two  
cuts. In the first he is seen standing  
on a chair by a table, which serves to  
emphasize his diminutive size. The  
second picture is very good and is called  
"The American Dwarf at the Princess  
Theater." He is represented as  
being on the stage before the footlights  
parodying the walk and manners of  
Napoleon. Tom Thumb's performances  
at the Princess theater made such a  
hit that Mr. Barnum next engaged  
Egyptian hall, Piccadilly, whither  
thronged many visitors of rank and  
fashion.

The American minister, the Hon. Ed-  
ward Everett, was very kind to his  
countrymen, and it was at his house  
that Mr. Barnum met a certain Mr.  
Murray, master of the queen's house-  
hold. On the day following one of the  
Queen's Life guards appeared before  
Mr. Barnum with a note containing an  
invitation from the queen to General  
Tom Thumb and his guardian, Mr.  
Barnum, to appear at Buckingham  
Palace on a specified evening.

In retiring from the royal presence  
Mr. Barnum attempted to follow the  
example set by the lord in waiting by  
backing out. The gallery was of great  
length, and the gentlemen with long  
strides made rapid progress, but Tom  
Thumb's short legs left him far behind  
—or before. Seeing that he was losing  
ground, he turned and ran a few steps,  
then resumed the process of "backing."  
Again losing ground, he repeated the  
performance, to the great amusement  
of the royal spectators. The queen  
soon sent another summons, and the  
"General," with his guardian, made a  
second visit to the palace, being re-  
ceived in the yellow drawing room. A  
third visit was soon paid to Bucking-  
ham palace, and this time the queen's  
uncle, Leopold, king of the Belgians,  
was present and was greatly amused,  
asking many questions, and Queen  
Victoria, desiring the "General" to sing,  
inquired what song he preferred.  
"Yankee Doodle," was the prompt  
reply. All present laughed heartily, and  
her majesty said: "That is a very pretty  
song, 'General.' Sing it, if you please."

And he did.

The British public was now fairly ex-  
cited. From March 20 to July 20 the  
levees of the little "General" at Egyp-  
tian hall were continually crowded.

One afternoon, attired in a court  
dress, consisting of a handsomely em-  
broidered velvet coat, short breeches,  
white satin vest, white silk stockings,  
pumps, wig, cocked hat and dress  
sword, he went to Marlborough House,  
the residence of Queen Adelaide, widow  
of William IV.

"Why, 'General!'" said the queen  
dowager, "I think you look very smart  
today." "I guess I do," he answered  
contentedly. Before he left the queen  
took him up on her lap, saying: "I see  
you have no watch. Will you permit me  
to give you one?" "I should like it  
very much," was the answer. And a  
few weeks after he was again invited to  
Marlborough House, where many  
children of the nobility were present,  
and Queen Adelaide gave him a beau-  
tiful but tiny watch and chain.

He received many other presents  
from various people, and these were  
all placed under a glass case and ex-  
hibited at the receptions. The Duke of  
Wellington frequently looked in upon  
the little man, and on one occasion,  
when the small "General," with folded  
arms and knitted brow, was strutting  
up and down, imitating Napoleon, the big  
general, Wellington, laughingly in-  
quired, "Of what are you thinking,  
my little man?" "I am thinking, sir,  
of the battle of Waterloo," was the  
prompt reply, the little features never  
losing their serious expression.

**Making Distinctions.**  
"Do you know much about music?"  
"Not a great deal," answered Mr.  
Runshod. "But I've managed to figure  
out that if you hear anything in a  
theater at the cost of \$5 per seat it's  
art, and if somebody sings the same  
thing in an adjacent flat, or hammers  
it out on a piano, it's an infernal racket.  
I'm getting on."—Washington Star.

**Voting****Contest**

# A First Class Bicycle Or a Set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica



To the most popular Saleslady,  
Cashier or Bookkeeper in Ypsilanti.

If the winner has a Bicycle, she may take the Encyclopaedia.

The Bicycle will be a standard 1900 wheel, bought for this contest, direct from the factory.

The Encyclopaedia is the standard work of thirty superb volumes and guide, sold by all retailers for \$45.00, which includes an oak stand. The work may be seen at our office at any time during the contest, which began

Cut this coupon out and fill in name, where employed, and date.

## Voting Contest.

## Local News.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star this evening.

The members of the Two C club spent Sunday in Detroit.

Miss Nellie T. Bacon has been spending a few days in Detroit.

Among recent arrivals at the Sanitarium is O. W. Comstock, of Detroit.

Wm. Seckinger, is the guest of relatives in Manchester for a few days.

Ebin Wilson, a former Normalite, was a recent visitor with old friends in the city.

F. C. Cobb, of Webster, Cobb & Co., Charlotte, Mich., was in the city Saturday on business.

H. P. Webster, of Webster, Cobb & Co., Eaton Rapids, was in the city on business Saturday.

The morning sermon at the Baptist church yesterday was delivered by the Rev. Jesse Boyden.

The High School Athletic Association will give a dancing party in L. O. T. M. hall tomorrow evening.

A dancing party was given at the Washtenaw County Club Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Bessie Younglove.

A number of Ypsilantians attended Olga Nethersole's "Sappho," at the Detroit Opera House Saturday evening.

Mrs. Stanton has returned to her home in Detroit, after an extended stay at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Amsden, of Huron street.

The Gas Co's office on Washington St. will be removed one door north to the room formerly used as a store house. The old office will now be converted into a store room.

Ypsilanti will be represented at the Detroit poultry exhibition by the following fanciers: G. M. Gandy, D. L. Quirk, Jr., E. Owen, William Mead, George Dice, George Campbell.

Bible study was the subject of Miss Pearce's talk to the Y. W. C. A. at Starkweather Hall, on Sunday. Miss Pearce is a faithful bible student and handled the subject ably.

We see that Peters' old stand, on South Huron street, is again occupied and in charge of two able blacksmiths and farriers, Messrs. Nash and Bascom. Both of the boys are residents of Ypsilanti and have good reputations behind them. We wish them success.

E. P. Allen and Fred W. Green came before the township board this afternoon to present their arguments for the granting of a franchise to their clients, Messrs. H. P. Glover and R. W. Hemphill. The result was not known at time of going to press.

Fred Schrepper, a seven year old lad, recently passed through a very undesirable experience. He was playing on the frozen surface of the river near the E. Congress St. lumber yard when he fell into a large hole left in the ice by ice cutters. He was rescued by his comrades, but not without great difficulty.

Following are the names of the officers who were installed in their respective offices, by Mrs. Crusary of Detroit, Friday evening, January 5: President, Malvina Coquillard; S. vice president, Nettie Jackson; J. vice-president, Mary Neiman; secretary, Harriet Morey; treasurer, Mary U. Russell; chaplain, Maria Culver; conductor, Elizabeth Roberts; guard, Florence Eaton; color bearers, Roda Ketchum; Mrs. Cornelia Seavey; Mrs. Lucy Pierce Mrs. Spencer.

The night watchmen at 12 o'clock last night were startled by the crash of broken glass from the alley north of Congress between Huron and Washington streets. Hastening to the spot from whence the sound proceeded they found that miscreants had thrown a large stone through the rear window of C. S. Wortley's clothing store. The deed had evidently been done in a fit of wanton mischief, as burglary would not be attempted in so bold-faced a manner. No traces of the depredators were found.

The Ypsilanti whist enthusiasts are in receipt of an invitation from the Jackson city club for a whist contest to be held Friday, January 12th. The invitation is extended to all whist players—ladies and gentlemen. The Jackson city club is making great preparations for the event and every player making a high score will receive a handsome prize. It is hoped that the ladies' whist association of Michigan will hold a meeting at this time. A special invitation will be extended to them to do so. Any four players may make up a team and any two players may play together. Afternoon play commences at 2 o'clock. An entrance fee of 50 cents will be charged. The play will be conducted under the Mitchell system.

An amusing incident occurred at the Normal Oratorical Contest last week. The Rev. William Gardam was one of the judges, and to him fell the duty of presenting the winners with their prizes. It is customary to make a short presentation speech under such circumstances, so Rev. Gardam made a graceful bow to his audience, and in cordial tones began: "It gives me great pleasure to be one of the chaperones of the evening." The audience, the majority of whom were students, immediately "tumbled," and for several moments the hall was a pandemonium of hand clapping. The "chaperone question" is the one topic of conversation among students and faculty, and occasionally creeps into public notice in an amusing manner.

Mesdames Todd and Burton, of Forest avenue gave a thimble party Saturday afternoon.

Frank H. Clay has sold his quarter interest in the firm of Webster, Cobb & Co. to the balance of the firm. Mr. Clay is not decided regarding his future plans.

A warrant has been served on Peter Kearns charging him with the larceny of a road cart, and the trial has been set down for Saturday, Jan. 12. Mr. Kearns insists that the matter is all a mistake which he can easily explain to the court.

Mr. Harry Foss, the popular clerk at Hawkins' House, has resigned his position that he may give his undivided time and attention to his business of grain broker. Mr. Foss has offices in this city and Dexter and tomorrow will open a branch in Ann Arbor. During his official connection with the Hawkins' House he has won many friends who wish him continued success. Mr. Foss will still make his home at the Hawkins' House, but will divide his time between the three offices. He will be succeeded behind the hotel desk by Wm. Hewitt, who has for the past few months served as assistant clerk.

## ONLY 17 YEARS OLD.

## But Proven a Thief, Perjurer and a Bad Woman Generally

The Smith's had Mummery Arrested for Larceny, but the Thieving was Done by their own Daughter.

Trial of Mummery Discontinued Today.

Benjamin Mummery, the New State Telephone lineman who escaped conviction for the larceny of \$25 from the house of Alford Smith of Whittaker's corners, by but a vote of 1 to 5 in Justice Joslyn's court recently, and whose second trial was set down for today, is an innocent man. The facts which set this forth have been gathered during the past few days through the shrewdness and astuteness of attorney J. F. Webb and Constable P. W. Ross. Not only is Mummery presumably innocent of the grave charge preferred against him, but the preponderance of evidence gained by Webb and Ross is that the money was appropriated by none other than the complaining witness, Anna Smith the daughter of the despoiled man, and by her given to her lover, Nelson Hogan, of Whittaker. Webb and Ross are in a position to back their assertions by signed and attested statements and letters all of which are in the possession of prosecuting attorney, J. P. Kirk.

A trip taken to Whittaker Saturday by Messrs. Webb and Ross was fraught with the most interesting results. A number of persons living in the vicinity of Smith's home were called upon and valuable information obtained from them; and at last a visit was made to Hogan, the complaining witness's lover. After considerable persuasive talk by the attorney and constable the young man was induced to make a clean breast of the information he possessed on the subject. It came as a bomb shell in the shape of a statement that on the afternoon of the 21st she sat at a window where she could see the Smith house and that no telephone workmen went near it. She is positive of this as where they began their operations the linemen were out of her sight and she accordingly set herself to watch until they should get to the next pole farther along the street, which would have been in front of the Smith house. A lad of 14 years of age was also found, who states that he had been watching the linemen the whole afternoon, and that none of them approached the Smith house. He also said that he was in a position where he could see the house all the time and that the only person near it was the girl Anna, who ran over to her aunt's and there remained nearly an hour.

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The circumstances which first brought suspicion upon Hogan were that shortly after the robbery had been committed he appeared at Ypsilanti attired in a new suit of clothes and with other indications of financial prosperity. Previous to this he had complained of being "broke," so Webb and Ross "smelled a mice" and instituted a quiet investigation.

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only, because when my folks asked me how I got my hat and things I told them you had \$10 of my money that I gave you when I was at Whitman's. Prove yourself clear and we will be all right."

Again:

"If you can prove where you were that Thursday afternoon and prove where you got your money without saying that I gave you any since this trouble happened, don't tell them. Whatever you tell if you should tell that I gave you money they could put me behind the bars for one while."

Again:

"Pa is going to drop the trial if he can, and he thinks he can. We went up to see Kirk, our lawyer today but he was not there, he is going up again tomorrow, he thinks all he will have to tell him, is that he thinks Mummery innocent. They heard that you said that you knew Mummery was not guilty."

The girl is self convicted of having sworn falsely before Justice Joslyn and the circumstantial evidence is all to the effect that she herself is the appropriator of the \$25 lost by her father, but her case nevertheless provokes pity to the same degree that it calls forth just indignation. The girl is completely infatuated with Hogan but through the opposition of her parents has been prevented from marrying him. Her sole thought has been of her lover as her frequent letters with their outpouring of vehement protestations of affection attest. To leave home and marry became so fervid a wish that it came to occupy her brain as a mania. One great obstacle to a runaway match, which the young people contemplated, was the lack of funds, until suddenly on the afternoon of the 21st Hogan received the \$25 from the girl. The elopement would then have taken place if the parents had not learned of the plan in time to frustrate it.

The spectators in the court room and the lawyers on both sides were much astonished when the jury disagreed in Mummery's trial, as there had seemed no reasonable doubt of his entire innocence. The story told by the girl was that Mummery had been working near the house with a gang of State Telephone linemen, and that he had endeavored to flirt with her as she sat at a window, and at last had walked up to the front gate. She stated that she had become alarmed at this, as she was alone in the house, so ran across the road to her aunt's. She swore that after she reached the aunt's she looked over at the house she had just left and saw Mummery walking toward the gate, from the inside of the yard. On returning to the house in company with her father, whom she met as he was coming back from another part of the village, it was found that everything was in confusion inside and that \$25 was missing from a sum of money which had been in a milk safe in the front room. She told her tale on Mummery and the father promptly caused his arrest. At the trial the prisoner brought his fellow workmen upon the stand and they swore one and all that Mummery had not been from their sight the entire afternoon. The girl told a very artistic story however, and her word was taken against the linemen.

Even if the money was not taken by the girl herself there is no longer any possibility of Mummery's being convicted, as Messrs. Webb and Ross found at the Whittaker tavern an invalid lady who stated that during the entire afternoon of the 21st she sat at a window where she could see the Smith house and that no telephone workmen went near it. She is positive of this as where they began their operations the linemen were out of her sight and she accordingly set herself to watch until they should get to the next pole farther along the street, which would have been in front of the Smith house. A lad of 14 years of age was also found, who states that he had been watching the linemen the whole afternoon, and that none of them approached the Smith house. He also said that he was in a position where he could see the house all the time and that the only person near it was the girl Anna, who ran over to her aunt's and there remained nearly an hour.

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## Our Voting Contest.

Votes are coming in, and the race will no doubt be a close one. Below we give a list of the contestants and the number of votes received up to noon today:

Lillie Wiemann,	32
Mamie Mead,	30
Laura Scoville,	27
Marna Saunders,	23
Emma Gardner,	21
Nellie May Hewitt,	16
Eva Zergel,	15
Stella Shaw,	14
Minnie Sanford,	12
Ruth Lathrop,	10
Minnie Fell,	8

## Good Thing For The Rural Carriers.

The following Washington dispatch is of interest to Ypsilantians as there are three mail carriers on the local free rural delivery.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Congressman Fordney did a good thing today for carriers employed in the rural free delivery of mail. These carriers have been receiving only \$350 to \$400 a year, and Mr. Fordney believed it was not enough. So he called upon Postmaster-General Smith about it. "These carriers," he said, "have to keep two horses, as one will not stand the work of covering an ordinary route every week day in the year. Consequently the pay is too small." If the department can raise their pay it should be done, but if the law will not allow it I will introduce a bill amending the law so it will allow it.

"I know their pay has been too small," said Mr. Smith, "but we have not been able to make it greater because we did not have the money. We will have it after the beginning of next fiscal year, however, and as I find the law gives me power to increase their pay without further legislation I assure you I will do so, beginning July 1, and your propose bill will not be necessary."

Mr. Smith said he would give each carrier a raise of about \$100 a year, the exact sum depending on the nature and extent of the service performed.

## High School Notes.

The Virgil class has started the reading of the *Eneid*.

Ralph Gary spent his vacation at his home in Brooklyn.

Miss Arnold was home from Marion Ind., for the holidays.

Miss Pearl Weeks was a visitor at the high school Thursday.

Will Sherman spent the holidays with friends in Port Huron.

Miss Flinterman spent her vacation in Detroit with her parents.

Prof. George read a paper last week in Lansing before the State Teachers' Association.

The S. A. C. of the high school will give a dance in the L. O. T. M. hall next Tuesday night.

A new society will soon be formed in the high school. It is to be called the Esterbrook, after the first principal of the school.

The Junior "X" has been postponed to some time in March to avoid conflicting with examinations at the close of the first semester.

Arthur Cluft, who played left guard on the football team last year, played the same place on the Albion College reserves this year.

The following persons have been chosen for the quartet which will render the solo parts of the "Rose Maiden;" Soprano, Miss Bethleah Ellis; Contralto, Miss Myra Bird; Tenor, Daniel Elsworth; Baritone, Harold Spencer. Miss Belle Beardsley will officiate at the piano.

## MARKET REPORTS.

The following range in prices today in the Chicago grain market is reported for The Telegram by the Hawkins' House brokers' office, over the Imperial Stock & Grain Co's wire:

	open	high	low	close
Wheat	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$
May	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$
July	69	69	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
May	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
May	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	10.82	10.92	10.82	10.92
May	10.82	10.92	10.82	10.92
Lard	595	600	587	600
May	595	600	587	600
Ribs	572	575	570	577
May	572	575	570	577

## Ann Arbor.

Says a local paper: There are three members of a Masonic order in this city who have got together and have decided to agitate the subject of the erection of a handsome \$50,000 Masonic temple in this city. These men are hustlers, and are financially responsible. The lease of the present quarters expires this year, it having been entered into in 1885 for 15 years. Said one of the promoters: "The three of us got together today and talked the matter over, and all declared that we should go ahead and try and work the thing up. Our idea is to contract for a \$50,000 building situated either on East Huron street, South Main street, East Washington or East Liberty street. It should be a four-story building with a well-lighted basement. The first floors could be used for stores, the second for offices and the third and fourth floors for the Masonic bodies. We would sell the stock to Masons and the five Masonic bodies. Gradually they could buy in the stock with the accumulations of the funds until the Masonic bodies would own the entire building. I know that the scheme will be rushed."

## Rural Mail Delivery.

Washtenaw wants free rural mail delivery.

Saline expects to have a route in the near future, and carrier Briggs, who has been selected for the route, has just been over it selling mail boxes.

The Worden people are bound to have a route from Ann Arbor, or know the reason why as much money is expended for star route service as would pay a rural mail delivery over the same territory, including Worden, Dixboro and Geer.

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**Didn't Object to His Creed.**

The English language reminds me of some of these typewriters and the game of whist. It looks mighty simple, but the further you go along the more complicated and swear provoking it is. We have all heard of the man who told his sweetheart that before marrying her he must confess that he was a somnambulist.

"Oh, I don't mind that," said the dear, sweet girl, "we are Presbyterians ourselves, but we are not a bit narrow."—Louisville Times.

**RAILWAYS COMBINING**

**Pennsylvania Getting Control of the Baltimore and Ohio by Stock Purchase.**

**ALSO THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO**

**Last Two Are To Be Merged, with the Norfolk and Western—Railroad Deals in New England—Lake Shore Takes Over the Erie and Western—Position of the "Big Four" in the Combination Now Proceeding as Alleged.**

New York, Jan. 8.—The Tribune says: "It is absolutely confirmed that the Pennsylvania railroad has secured a block of 10,000 shares of the preferred stock of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. It is further said that the Pennsylvania has secured a large block of stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio. This road is generally looked upon as being controlled by J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates, and its ultimate absorption by some strong company has been the subject of discussion by railroad men generally. It is now said that the merger of the Chesapeake and Ohio will be with the Baltimore and Ohio, and that the Norfolk and Western will also come in under the same merger. Then, owing to the heavy holdings of Pennsylvania interests in the Baltimore and Ohio stock, it is said the two roads, formerly rivals, will be operated in absolute harmony, and the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western eliminated eveyrthing will be serene in the railroad situation in that section of the country.

**How New England Territory Is Divided.**

"In New England the lease of the Boston and Albany to the New York Central is formally known. The negotiations of the Boston and Maine, which owns the Central Maine railroad, to take over the Fitchburg have been officially admitted. This leaves the New England territory divided between the New York, New Haven and Hartford, the New York Central, and the Boston and Maine interests. The alliance between the New York Central and the New Haven, owing to the entrance of William Rockefeller into the board of the New York Central, is complete, and a merger of the two properties may be looked for in the end, although such a combination can only be effected after some time and trouble and after many interests have been properly cared for.

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**Didn't Object to His Creed.**

The English language reminds me of some of these typewriters and the game of whist. It looks mighty simple, but the further you go along the more complicated and swear provoking it is. We have all heard of the man who told his sweetheart that before marrying her he must confess that he was a somnambulist.

"Oh, I don't mind that," said the dear, sweet girl, "we are Presbyterians ourselves, but we are not a bit narrow."—Louisville Times.

**LOVE FINDS A WAY.**

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Tom got up and walked to a window that looked out upon one of those dismal town views where wet clothes flapping in the wind excluded every other feature of the landscape. What right had he to question Miss Malvina as to the welfare of Clarence Westover's wife. He stood with his broad back turned toward Miss Malvina until his quick ear caught an unmistakable sob. He turned and came back to her, his face full of solicitude.

"My dear old friend! Why, Miss Malvina, tell me what troubles you. Can't you trust me, the last of the Broxtons, as entirely as you used to trust my forbears?"

Miss Malvina was in total eclipse behind a very large pocket handkerchief. Tom, bending his head low, could catch but one word, fractured by sobs, "Po-or!"

"Poor! What, and you did not let me know? Now, do you call that being a friend? Why, haven't you heard what a famously rich man my invention has made of me? Come, now, dear old friend! How happy it will make me to become your banker! Who is there but you to share my good fortune?"

Miss Malvina emerged into view with eyes full of perplexity and astonishment.

"Thomas Broxton, what are you talking about?"

" Didn't you say you were poor, and wasn't that what you were—were—" "Blubbering about? Well, upon my word and honor! Yes, I did say poor, but I wasn't talking about myself. Ol—she—would never let me lack for anything. She is as good as an own daughter to me."

"She?"

"M—m?"

"I suppose you mean Olivia by 'she'?"

"Thank goodness, at last!"

She looked at him radiantly and pocketed her big handkerchief with a triumphant flourish. Tom looked perplexed in his turn.

"Thank goodness for what?"

"You will bear me witness, Tom, you did it—I didn't."

"I'll bear you witness to anything," said Tom, with a great laugh, "if you'll only be a little more lucid."

"Ollie said I wasn't on any terms to bring her name into the conversation unless you mentioned it first, and I began to think you never would do it."

A cloud settled on Tom's bright face.

"But why—why should we not mention her name? Does she suppose that I am going through life with bayonet set to ram amuck of any man or woman who mentions Clarence Westover's wife in my presence? I have accepted the inevitable."

"Oh, my! Well, I just don't care—I just must—I am dying to—I'm going to—"

While Miss Malvina held this spasmodic colloquy with conscience in audible jerks Tom watched her anxiously. Was "Mother" Spillman's "queerness" going to descend upon her daughter?

"Tom, dear, if anything pleasanter than the 'inevitable' should be offered for your acceptance, would you embrace it?"

He knitted his brows comically.

"How very mysterious you are, Miss Vinie!"

"Wouldn't you—don't you know Ollie is not Clarence Westover's wife? Don't you know she's just been daft ever since she heard you were hurt?"

He turned very pale, but seated himself by her side before making any sort of reply. He had perfect control of himself when he answered:

"No; I had not heard anything. You see, I have been very much cut off from my old acquaintances out here. Where—is she, then? You said you did not leave her on the other side of the water."

"She's down stairs."

"Down stairs?" He bounded to his feet, then stopped irresolutely.

Miss Malvina laughed fretfully and gave him a little shove.

"Mercy on me! What between you and Olivia I feel as if I was trying to work two mechanical toys with all their machinery out of order. It's a jerk forward and a jerk backward. Please go down stairs, Tom, and have it all out with Ollie one way or the other. Take my word for it, she loves you dearly."

And there were no more backward jerks on his part to complain of. When he entered the dark, stuffy parlor, he could scarcely discern the slim figure seated in its farthest corner. He still limped slightly from his accident, but his progress was reasonably rapid.

"Ollie!" He stretched out his hands eagerly. "My little friend! Why, I thought you were on the other side of the ocean!"

Her hands were in his, and she was looking up at him with a light in her eyes that fairly illuminated the obscurity for him.

"And I thought you were in a sickbed with broken legs and things, and I expected to kneel down by your bedside and whisper all sorts of contrite and comforting things into your poor ears, and here you are strong and well and bigger than ever!"

"I am very sorry," said Tom meekly, and then they both laughed. Still holding her hands in his, he drew her to a sofa by a window.

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